

## SiC News

## Cree receives US\$36 million in additional orders

CREE, Inc (Durham, NC, USA) has received several new orders, primarily from Taiwanese and other Asian customers, valued at US\$36 million for LED devices. These purchase commitments target new and emerging applications, including cellular phones and other consumer products. These orders add to Cree's backlog and increase its sales visibility into December 2000.

Chuck Swoboda, president and COO commented, "The new orders we've received strengthen Cree's position as a market leader in high

brightness LED technology. Cellular phone markets provide some of the fastest growing new opportunities for our products and continue to expand the breadth of our customer and application base, particularly in Taiwan."

Effective 1 January 2000, the company's corporate name changed to Cree, Inc from Cree Research, Inc. It posted record second quarter fiscal year 2000 revenue, a 70% increase over the year ago period, with high brightness LED devices accounting for 71% of LED sales.

Cree has begun construction to expand its manufacturing capacity for high brightness LEDs. It had recently completed a 3900 m<sup>2</sup> (42 000 square ft) addition for production and administration; the new work is a 11 600 m<sup>2</sup> expansion which will be completed by the fourth quarter.

Finally, one of the distributors of Cree LED products in Japan, Sumitomo Corp, notified Cree that it has been named in a lawsuit brought by Nichia Corp. The suit, filed in Tokyo District Court, alleges infringement of a patent is-

sued to Nichia in Japan and seeks an injunction that, if granted, would preclude Sumitomo from selling Cree's older, standard brightness blue LED product in Japan.

Cree's management said that it believes the infringement allegation to be without merit and that the lawsuit was motivated by "competitive factors". In December, Cree was assisting Sumitomo in defending the case in accordance with the terms of the parties' distributorship agreement. **Cree Inc; tel: +1-919-361-5709; fax: +1-919-361-2358.**

### Briefs...Briefs...

**Micronetics Wireless, Inc** (Hudson, NH, USA) announced receipt of the first phase of a US Government Contract for microwave integrated assemblies, switch/filter banks and PIN diode switches.

**Celeritek, Inc**, headquartered in Santa Clara, CA, has opened its newest design centre in Lincoln, UK, for the design and development of subsystem products including transceivers for mm-wave radio.

**ANADIGICS'** compact, low-power tuner in-

tegrates an up-converter with SAW filter and an integrated down-converter with dual synthesizer using both GaAs and silicon.

**TriQuint Semiconductor, Inc**, has acquired approximately 70 000 m<sup>2</sup> (17 acres) adjacent to its current 32-acre Dawson

Creek Business Park campus in Hillsboro, OR, USA, to allow for doubling its existing fab.

**Corning Inc**, has a contract extension to supply optical amplifiers to **Lucent Technologies** to support the WaveStar programme to 2001.

**Agilent Technologies, Inc**, has opened its 'Singapore Microelectronics Modeling Center' dedicated to providing accurate electronic device models for speeding wireless product development.

According to a new **Frost & Sullivan** report, *World Wireless Wide Area Network (WAN) Market*, the WAN market will be worth US\$15.19 billion by 2005.

